

Provided by Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel

Richard Allen Stegeman Anderson

August 18, 1943 ~ July 14, 2023 (age 79)



Services

CEMETERY

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens
15862 S. Indiana Ave.
Caldwell, ID

Richard Allen Stegeman Anderson was born in the town of Yakima Washington to Doris Berth McIntosh on August 18, 1943. He lived with his aunt Helen Wheeler in the town of Norfolk, Nebraska; until around the age of eight when he moved to Boise Idaho to live with his mother Doris and step father Dale Anderson.

They moved to McDermitt, Nevada and lived in Cordero Mine. Richard was adopted by his step father Dale Anderson when he was around the age of fourteen. His dad went out and bought cigars that said "It's a Boy" and passed them out to everyone! Richard graduated from a very small two-room school in Cordero Mine. One room was 1st through 4th grade, and the other was 5th through 8th eighth grade. He graduated from eighth grade in 1958, and graduated from McDermitt High School in 1962 he moved from McDermott, Nevada to Nampa, Idaho where he attended Helen's Cosmetology School and received his cosmetology license in 1963. He worked at the Mountain Home Air Force Base for a short time but felt that he was being called to help the sick and poor.

He went to work at Nampa Care Center, as an orderly now known as a CNA, and that is where he met Edith Sue Muntz.

He was also active in the Navel Reserves and received his Honorable Discharge from the Navy in October 28, 1966. Richard was accepted into a Practical Nurse program at the old Mercy Hospital and quit his job at Nampa Care to go to school. He was the first male nurse in the State of Idaho. Richard graduated from the nursing program on August 12, 1966 and was presented the Certificate of Achievement from School Dist. 131 in Nampa and Mercy Hospital for completion of the Practical Nurse Program. He passed stat boards and became an LPN in 1966.

Richard married Edith Sue Muntz on August 13, 1966. He was blessed to have her in his life. His two son's Mark Anderson, Kevin Anderson and daughter Christina Anderson Drake. Eight grandsons Matthew, Jacob, Adam, Anthony, Ian, Keylim, Devin and Jeremy Morrison. Five granddaughters, Miranda, Cassandra, Mekinze, Sandra and Caylin. Son in law Scott and daughter in law Michelle.

Richard was very talented; he played the accordion, organ, and piano. He played the piano at many church services. He loved to sing and did so for many years in church choirs, solos at special events, weddings, and funerals.

Richard worked at the Old Mercy as a float nurse and also worked as a charge nurse on all the floors except OB. When they moved to the new Mercy Hospital on the 12th Ave, He was asked by the Mercy Hospital Administrator, Sister Katherine, if he would be in charge of the ER on night

shift. He admitted the first patient on the night shift to the new hospital. He took his ICU and CCU training at St. Alphonsus in Boise and was one of the nurses to help open the doors to the new ICU and CCU units that is there today.

Richard was given a Certificate of Achievement from the State Board of Vocational Education Dist. 131 and Mercy Hospital in completion of his 70 hour Pharmacology Course, June 13, 1969. He was chosen April 1983 Mercy's Employee of the Month. He was very active in the Idaho's Licensed Practical Nurses Association. He served two years as President of Dist. 4 Nampa LPN Association. He was chosen Dist. 4 Nampa LPN of the year in 1973 and 1977. At the Idaho LPN State Convention that was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he was chosen LPN of the year 1977 for the State of Idaho and was honored in Nampa's first parade for this achievement. He was asked to serve a two year term on the Idaho State Board of Nursing. He worked on a committee and got it passed that LPN's in the State of Idaho can start IV's and insert nasal gastric tubes, among other committees to improve the nursing skills for RN's and LPN's. He was given the honor to witness the signing into Law, the bill for LPN's to start IV's and insert nasal gastric tube's by the Governor of Idaho in his office. He was educational Chairman of the south West Area of Idaho and put on several workshops to further nurse education in many subjects. He was Chairman for the Idaho State Convention that was held in Caldwell, Idaho at the College of Idaho.

He took nursing courses at BSU, home studies, biology courses at College of Idaho, and chemistry courses from Northwest Nazarene College as he worked towards his RN degree. He worked at different places during his nursing years at St AL's on the medical floor and helped open a new wing at Karcher estates. However, he missed working in the ICU and CCU so he went work full time at Caldwell's West Valley Medical center. He was chosen in September 1992 as Employee of the month. He went part time to help Marvin take care of two clients with special needs in their home. He quit work to take care of Marvin's mother in their home full time until she later died of bone cancer.

He went back to work at Holly Care Center, working full time as a charge nurse. He was asked by the Director of Nursing and Educational Nurse Ron Bechtall to come to work at Nampa Care Center. He worked twelve hour shifts and was in charge of three wings, one of them the Alzheimer's unit for five years until he started to lose his eye sight in both eyes. He retired form nursing after working 40 years in nursing. Kelly Martin worked for many years as his care provider in his home and was thought of as a second daughter.

He enjoyed volunteer work at Hands of Hope. He was baptized a Catholic. In January 31st 2010 he became a member of the College Church of the Nazarene. He loved his God the Lord Jesus Christ, his family, 5 dogs and 1 kitten.

Richard loved to joke and kid around, and love to put a smile on a person's face and to get them to laugh. He also had a big smile that also lit up a room. Richard loved being a nurse. He felt that God blessed him in many ways, to ease a person's pain, to give comfort, support not only to the patient but to the family as well; and most of all being there to comfort the dying person.

Richard was a very loving, kind, and gentle man who had a big heart, cared, and loved everyone!

He is survived by 6 grandsons; Devan Drake, Matthew, Jacob, Adam, Anthony, and Ian Anderson. 5 granddaughters Miranda and Austin Drake-Harris, Cassandra and Jeremy Morrison, McKienze Drake, and Sandra and Caylin Anderson as well as 2 great grandsons. His good friend a caregiver Deena Smith and his neighbors the Franco Family that helped him.

He also left behind some very close friends that he felt were his siblings, whom he loved very much, George and Terre Lyons, and Dan and Joy Hammel.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Dale and Doris Anderson. Two half-brothers Frank and Kenny and three half-sisters Joyce, Arlene and Marie, Sue Anderson, and son in law, Scott Drake.

A visitation will take place from 5-7pm on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at Alsip and persons funeral chapel 404 10th Ave S. Nampa, ID. Funeral services will be held at College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa at 11am with an interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens to follow.

Guest Book

Message from **Bonnie J Fuller (McIntosh)**

August 2, 2024 3:42 PM

Mark I hope you see this and can contact me. I am your dad's cousin Bonnie. When he was younger and he would come to Greeley NE we hung out together. I think I have a photo of him and I some where. His mother Doris was my mother's sister. I tried for a number of years to find him but did not even know where to look. I knew that he was married, but did not know anything else. I do not know who Marie is because he did not have a sister Marie he had an Aunt Marie Silvers who lived in Grants Pass OR. He also had a sister named Doris Lu Jean Ponds (Arlene's sister). I am in touch with that family that I finally found about 8 years ago. If you want any information on your grandmother Doris's side of the family I would be glad to give you what I have. My email address is bjmf41@yahoo.com or I am on facebook. Sorry for your lose and I wish I would have known. By the way I am 83 years old now. Bonnie J Fuller



Expression of Sympathy

July 21, 2023 12:00 PM

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Richard Allen Stegeman Anderson.

Message from **Christina Drake**

July 20, 2023 12:15 PM

*Dad, I'm sorry that we didn't get along and we were both so bull headed to get past our issues. I'm blessed we made peace before you passed. I love you
You're Daughter
Christina Drake*

Message from **Mark A Anderson**

July 20, 2023 5:16 PM

I was there and it was very Beautiful baby sister!

Message from **Christina Drake**

July 21, 2023 8:53 PM

I hope it was enough

Message from **Mark A Anderson**

July 20, 2023 10:51 AM

*Dad,
You have been through a lot Diabetes, Blindness, Leukemia and Colon cancer I know you are finally whole and you are with Jesus.
No more pain or anxiety.
I Love you very much Dad and I'm glad you made it home.*

*Your oldest son,
Mark*

Message from **Carol A Burtlow**

July 25, 2023 12:31 PM

While I was going to school to become a RN, I worked at Mercy hospital during 1965-1966 as a nurse aid when Richard was taking his LPN training and became a LPN. He was the first male nurse at Mercy, and he faced a lot of discrimination from many female employees. I became an RN and worked at Mercy all the years that he did. He became a good nurse and was respected by others. My sister-in-law worked in the ER when he did. She said they liked to laugh and joke with each other. We were both sorry to hear of your loss.

Message from **Mark Anderson**

July 25, 2023 6:48 PM

*Thank you Carol,
Dad would appreciate what you said.*

*Mark,
His oldest son.*



July 17, 2023 1:29 PM

A Memorial Tree was planted for Richard Allen Stegeman Anderson

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel

Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree
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